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My Dear Dr. Gray

I have sent you by request a package containing some 300 species for the St. Petersburg Bot. Garden. For some reason my specimens have not kept as bright as they should have done and I do not feel satisfied with them at all. But you must be able to get some that will be worth the sending and if I can thus in part repay your many favors I shall be much pleased.

After the delightful and somewhat exciting week at Boston and the night travel homewards I was very much fatigued; this with an accumulation of business will reexcuse my not writing earlier to thank you and Mrs. Gray for your kindness which contributed so much to my pleasure from your first meeting to the final reunion with the kind friends who live always in the lovely shores at the harbor of Peace. I think of it all continually with the greatest delight.

I have a letter from Lemmon giving some account of his collections in N. E. California. On Holton's Ranch at the headwaters of the Mokelumne river he came upon "acres" of Nama Parryi, Gilia Parryae, Lemmonia and Canbya. He sent me nice specimens and seeds of the latter.

With kindest regards to all at Cambridge and Berkeley,

Yrs. Sincerely,

Wm. M. Canby